

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
GAMBLING COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation of )  
the License to Conduct Gambling Activities of: )

Christopher M. Hammond )  
Richland, Washington, )

Licensee. )  
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NO. CR 2011-01570

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
CHARGES AND  
FOR AN ADJUDICATIVE  
PROCEEDING**

I.

The Washington State Gambling Commission issued Christopher M. Hammond license number 68-23350, authorizing Card Room Employee activity at Crazy Moose. The license expires on November 3, 2012, and was issued subject to the licensee's compliance with state gambling laws and rules.

II.

David Trujillo, Deputy Director of the Washington State Gambling Commission, charges the licensee with the following violations of the Washington State Gambling Act, 9.46 RCW, and WAC Title 230:

- 1) On November 2, 2011, Gambling Commission Special Agent (agent) was assigned to Mr. Hammond's case to investigate if he continued to qualify for a license due to active warrants for his arrest. Commission staff became aware of these warrants during a routine annual criminal history check.
- 2) The agent determined that Christopher M. Hammond is the subject of four outstanding warrants for Driving While License Suspended 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, resulting from his failure to appear for scheduled court dates. In addition to the warrants, Mr. Hammond owes a total of \$4,939 in court ordered fines and fees of which \$1,099 has been sent to collections due to nonpayment.
- 3) On November 2, 2011, the agent sent Mr. Hammond and his employer a letter notifying them of Mr. Hammond's outstanding warrants. The letters stated if Mr. Hammond failed to quash the warrants by December 2, 2011, it may result in revocation of his license. On December 20, 2011 the agent also called and left a message for Mr. Hammond, stating that he failed to comply with Commission staff's request to cancel his outstanding warrants. As of January 30, 2012, the warrants against the licensee were still outstanding, and Mr. Hammond had failed to provide the agent with documentation that the warrants were quashed.
- 4) The licensee's failure to appear for court dates and failure to resolve his outstanding misdemeanor warrants demonstrates his willful disregard for complying with court orders. Mr. Hammond has failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure, in violation of RCW 9.46.153. Therefore, under RCW

9.46.075(1) and (8) and WAC 230-03-085(1), (3), (7), (8), and grounds exist to suspend or revoke Christopher M. Hammond's license.

**RCW 9.46.075 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit**

The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein: (The following subsections apply.)

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control.

(8) Fails to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that he is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

**WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit**

We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

(The following subsections apply.)

(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075.

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level.

(7) Fails to provide us with any information required under Commission rules within the time required, or, if the rule establishes no time limit, within thirty days after receiving a written request from us.

(8) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by:

(a) Prior activities; or

(b) Criminal record; or

(c) Reputation; or

(d) Habits; or

**RCW 9.46.153(1) Applicants and licensees-Responsibilities and duties**

It shall be the affirmative responsibility of each applicant and licensee to establish by clear and convincing evidence the necessary qualifications for licensure of each person required to be qualified under this chapter, as well as the qualifications of the facility in which the licensed activity will be conducted.

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Jurisdiction of this proceeding is based on 9.46 RCW, Gambling, chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act, and WAC Title 230.

**In order to have a hearing or discuss settlement options**, the enclosed request for hearing must be completed and returned to the Gambling Commission **within 23 days** from the date of the mailing of this notice.

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF THURSTON )

  
DAVID TRUJILLO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Michelle F. Rancour  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of  
Washington residing at Thurston County  
My commission expires on 10-19-15

Dated at Olympia, Washington this 30 day of January 2012

A circular notary seal for Michelle F. Rancour. The outer ring contains the text "MICHELLE F. RANCOUR" at the top and "STATE OF WASHINGTON" at the bottom. Inside this ring, the words "COMMISSION EXPIRES" are at the top and "PUBLIC" is at the bottom. In the center, the date "10-19-15" is printed, with three small dots above it.

The undersigned, a duly qualified and licensed Notary Public for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on the records of the State of Washington.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office at the City of Seattle, this 11th day of June, 1918.

Notary Public for the State of Washington  
 My commission expires on the 11th day of June, 1920.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office at the City of Seattle, this 11th day of June, 1918.

Notary Public for the State of Washington

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears on the records of the State of Washington.

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 COUNTY OF THURSTON )

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the document upon all parties of record in the proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with postage prepaid, by regular and certified mail to each party to the proceeding, and I have heretofore or authorized agent.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ Washington this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Washington State Gambling Commission  
 Communications and Legal Department